

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks and arguments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 were originally presented for consideration in this application, with Claims 16-19 having been withdrawn from consideration. By the foregoing amendment, the withdrawn Claims 16-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 1-15 and 20-37 remain in this application for consideration and allowance.

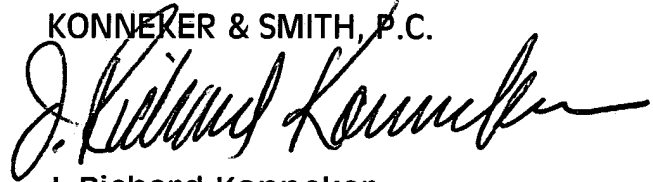
Claims 1-15 and 20-37 currently stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent 6,708,431. To overcome this rejection, applicants submit herewith a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 (c), and an accompanying check in the amount of \$130 as required by 37 CFR §1.20(d).

In view of the foregoing amendment, remarks and arguments, all of the claims currently pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of Claims 1-15 and 20-37 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at 972/516-0030 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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